

Louisiana Parish-By-Parish Breakdown Shows the Harm of Not Extending Unemployment Insurance

7,800 in Louisiana set to lose coverage statewide

If Congress fails to extend the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation program nearly 7,800 people in Louisiana will lose their insurance coverage immediately on Dec. 28. An additional 12,400 people in Louisiana will lose their coverage in the first six months of 2014 if Republicans continue to block an extension of the program.

Federal unemployment insurance took effect in 2008 and has been reauthorized several times since as Americans continue to recover from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Despite the real progress the economy has made since its near collapse in 2008, there are still 1.3 million fewer jobs than there were before the recession began and long-term unemployment as a percentage of the unemployed is 37 percent, near historic highs.

Failure to extend federal unemployment insurance would also hurt job growth throughout the nation, costing the economy 240,000 jobs, according to the White House Council of Economic Advisers. The CEA estimates that in Louisiana alone, failing to extend the program will cost 726 jobs.

Parish	# of People Losing Coverage Dec. 28
Acadia	68
Allen	32
Ascension	157
Assumption	34
Avoyelles	72
Beauregard	48
Bienville	38
Bossier	189
Caddo	688
Calcasieu	266
Caldwell	12
Cameron	5
Catahoula	27
Claiborne	27
Concordia	41
De Soto	61
East Baton Rouge	766
East Carroll	34
East Feliciana	35

Evangeline	37
Franklin	32
Grant	23
Iberia	98
Iberville	90
Jackson	35
Jefferson	833
Jefferson Davis	49
Lafayette	209
Lafourche	56
La Salle	10
Lincoln	70
Livingston	148
Madison	50
Morehouse	97
Natchitoches	80
Orleans	796
Ouachita	412
Plaquemines	21
Pointe Coupee	45
Rapides	221
Red River	25
Richland	76
Sabine	18
Saint Bernard	32
Saint Charles	69
Saint Helena	13
Saint James	56
Saint John	127
Saint Landry	135
Saint Martin	48
Saint Mary	80
Saint Tammany	251
Tangipahoa	270
Tensas	12
Terrebonne	97
Union	22
Vermilion	44

Vernon	62
Washington	59
Webster	115
West Baton Rouge	33
West Carroll	23
West Feliciana	20
Winn	25
Invalid –Parish**	108
TOTAL	7832